Home Reading.

Bropping Corn. Katle went with the gray old squire To the furrowed field, in the dewy morn,

Now sing," said he 'as you drop the corn, One for the blackbird, one for the crow, me for the cut-worm, and two to grow." Crow and blackhird came fluttering 'round,

The cut-worm wriggled beneath the ground, As five smooth kernels, every time, Little Katie dropped, with the sing-song rhyn "One for the blackbird, one for the crose, One for the cut-worm, and two to grow." The old squire covered the grain with soil;

That's sure; but still we shall get our share, If you a ways count, as you drop, with care, One for the blackbird, one for the crow, One for the cut-worm, and two to grow."

When kernels sprout and the green blades grow, The erow and blackbird, and cut-worm know And woe for the cornfield in harvest days, Unless little Katie in planting says, One for the blackbird, one for the crow, One for the cut-worm, and two to grow."

Thus do we plant with our older hands n wider fields and o'er broader landslince, for good seed sown by the land or sea. In the air or earth a foe may be-One for the blackbird, one for the crow, One for the cut-worm, and two to grow."

The "two to grow!" That is all I ask, As the seed-time brings me my planting task. I know who leads to His furrowed field; As He wills, I plant, at His will shall yield "One for the blackbird, one for the crow, one for the cut-worm, and two to grow."

Merr. EN FOR THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN ] One Night.

BY RUTH CONOVER.

It was a cold, frosty night in January, and all who had homes were glad to be in them, closely ensconced in slippers and easy chair, by the cheerful warmth of a

duration, for suddenly the cry was echoed uttered, when crowds were rushing to the hand beneath her pillowed head.

Mrs. Merton's heart was full of anxiety shown her that face often and often, and it, they tied themselves to spars and VISITING CARDS AND INVITATIONS

as she took her way through the crisp, cold air toward the doctor's office; for Marian was her only child, and after the and with a glad cry, she sprang toward being thrown up on some land. Then loss of her husband, she had lavished all him

"No'm," the girl replied: "he was called at the sight of her husband, Mrs. Merton on earth.

about ten minutes ago; he'll most likely sank fainting in his arms. The strain of The day broke, and what a different scene

another quarter, and still he did not come. from this scene of excitement and con-At last, when she had just decided to go fusion to a quiet room in the pleasant proudly rode it? Ah! those planks and without seeing him, a step was heard at old inn of the town. the door, and in a moment the physician appeared. The good old doctor relieved the first object they met was her heart by informing her that the husband bending over her with anxious shore of an island. But something besymptoms were not dangerous, and sent concern, which changed to relief as he sides spars have been cast up on the sand;

thon of Tartarus, it licked up all before in flames. "Thin," continued she, "I returned to me sinses and I scramed with all me might, but iverybody else was burning crater.

White field, and flat assisted them in caping.

Caping.

Here Captain Merton paused, and his wife, with a joyful light in her eyes, said:

Scramin too, and so I couldn't make 'em wife, with a joyful light in her eyes, said:

"Henry, let us give thanks to God for his worderful providence."

But alas for all their efforts to save the house! Already the flames have it in their grasp, and creeping stealthily up to casement and cap, sill and lintel, like some cunning wild beast, they snatch their victim and bear it triumphantly aloft. Only the wing, the part overshadowed by the great elm, remains still.

As Mrs. Merton first saw the cruel flames seize her own little cottage, the thought came. "Where is Marian, will you please tell that that of adoption." "An' is it the say cap't nement ton." "An' is it the say cap't nement to say good-bye to my readers, for the "one most memorable night, perhaps, in Marian's life; I might say the most happy in its after results, for it brought her a father and—you the say of the sa

Now he loses his balance; no-he has saved our Marian?" grasped a limb—will he reach the case— "Not too many questions at once, ment? He has reached it." Hurrah! hur- Ethel, dear, or I shall have to leave you

working so energetically and earnestly. Was clear, and the winds favorable, the More particularly was their gaze fixed upon the younger of the two, a boy of almost as swiftly as its namesake, and soon the younger of the two, a boy of almost as swiftly as its namesake, and soon other one enjoys a poor repast by continuous control of the land far beyond the horizon. eighteen; who was now risking his own left the land far beyond the horizon. winter fire. So thought the inhabitants their appearance within its borders. But many friends.

of a large and elegant private house, un- might be death to both. Well he knew could not, at any rate, and besides trustoccupied in winter, except by two aged colored servants. Close to it, on one side, that the other part of the house was in flames, and how could he tell but that the were the little chats the two had together. stood a neat little white cottage, over- next second might find the flames and In these conversations, the captain "Vat," said the storekeeper. Before the alarm was given, the conflation had gotten such headway that men's could be done to save the large could be done to save the large could be done to save the large could be also be alled this time. Again, he called this time. It is someting of the lad's former don't can kick? Toost vait. I dells you life. He found out that Ralph was an orphan, and had been left under the guardianship of a rich old uncle.

shade, and suns, ts of the building. Storm of Wednesday allous to enter in all sections of the count ze mounted burid glow irvo object.

That Tour Tour object in his gentlest tones, reassured her in his gentlest tones in had had her in his gentlest tones, reassured her in his gentlest tones, reassured her in his gentlest tones in his had had her in his gentlest tones, reassured her in his his his his had had her in his gentlest tones, reassured her in

Rev. received of its commander, therefore, given up all hope racked up, and her income not being sufficient to support herself and her mine year old daughter, she had hired the cottage before mentioned, and, up to the ground start to support therself and her mine year old daughter, she had hired the cottage before mentioned, and, up to the ground start to support therself and her mine year old daughter, she had hired the cottage before mentioned, and, up to the ground by a rope instead of the ground by a rope instead of the ground by a rope instead of around them like a shroud. One moment the support of puzzled, questioning eyes to Ralph's Merton thought it necessary to consult a physician. So, tucking her little girl in bed as comfortably as possible, under the circumstances, she kissed her good-bye,

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circumstances, she kissed her good-bye, and left her in charge of the young Irish girl employed to do the rough work.

"Come back quickly, mamma, won't you?" pleaded the little one.

"Yes, dearie," replied her mother; "if the doctor is in, I will be home in fifteen with girl and proved the composition of the ground and herself being wildly embraced by her own dear mother. "My Marian! Papa's own darling!" cried the mother, as frantic with joy as she had been before with grief and the saliers watched for day-break, but when daybreak came they knew it not. Black, murderous-look-ing clouds hid the bright face of the sun. The winds still rose high.

Then there came a shock, a crash, and the cry went up: "A reef! A reef!" Yes, the Sea Gull had struck a reef and towns the composition of the composition of the composition of the stairs were in names.

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Mariah found her foot securely planted on the ground and herself being wildly embraced by her own dear mother. "My Marian! My Marian! Papa's own darling!" cried the mother, as frantic with joy as she had been before with grief and the composition of the

the eye of a stranger fixed upon her, with surdity. Yes, mamma," languidly replied the a look of wistful tenderness—a stranger, I | When the sailors knew that their ship say? not quite, for has not her mother was sinking and that they could not save

the wealth of her affections upon this one we lamb.

Marian was right. It was her father, down, they were dashed out into that the long lost father returned at last to his horrid sea. There, lashed by the fury of When she reached the office, she in- dear ones in this hour of need.

With the first wild exclamation of joy were swallowed up, never again to be seen in a quarter of an hour; will you excessive anxiety, and then so soon after was presented! The sea had subsided, that of excessive joy, had been too much and one could hardly have believed it to Mrs. Merton waited for a quarter of an for her. But strong, loving arms are be the same that raged so terribly through-hour, but the doctor did not appear; for about her now, and she is carried quickly out the darkness of the previous night.

her home with a soothing powder for the sick child.

Afraid lest Marian should have worried at her absence, Mrs. Merton was hastening homewards, when her attention was attracted by a bright light cast against tray from the servant, the same girl whom Mrs. Merton had left in charge of the sick child.

Saw the color returning to the white face. Placing his fingers on her lips, he replied to the questioning look in her eyes: "Not now, Ethel, rest and try to eat this; aftering homewards, when her attention was attracted by a bright light cast against tray from the servant, the same girl whom Mrs. Merton had left in charge of marvellously spared.

By this time tears of iow and thankful.

whom Mrs. Merton had left in charge of whom Mrs. Merton had left in charge of market and then left the room.

The girl had asked and obtained permission seized her. With a prayer upon her lips that God would give her strength to reach her child, she tottered on as swiftly as her trembling limbs would allow her.

She now came in full view of the scene. As seen of confusion and terror it was, and yet one of grandeur. The mansion was one mass of flames, and like a living volcanses of sakes and live einders. Like the Phlege thon of Tartarus, it licked up all before in flames. "Thin," continued she, "I retained to the rest of the reach of the reach and then left the room. The girl had sked and obtained permission to carry the tray to Mrs. Merton, that she mught have an opportunity to speak so me was nearing the fire also, and a horrible so the rest and obtained permission to carry the tray to Mrs. Merton that she mught have an opportunity to speak so me was nearing the fire also, and a horrible so the rest ears of joy and thankful by this time tears of joy and thankful by this time tears of joy and thankful on the sewer flowing silently down Mrs. Merton where there are flowing silently down Mrs. Merton's cheeks. She quietly wiped them she way and nerved herself to listen to the carry the tray to Mrs. Merton that she mught have an opportunity to speak she safeguard against

They remove from water all organic matter, the mansion was an opportunity to seek safeguard against

They rem

Yes, there was the old elm, and yet she stood there like a statue, without a moeagerly inquired Mrs. Merton. "Who is heart to the orphan boy from the moment tion. Her limbs fail of their duty; for a he ?" "That I don't know, ma'am, but he is a stranger. As to where he is, he is down stairs talkin' to the strange gintle house! Already the flames have it in man what was in here a while ago."

thought came, "Where is Marian, my if I had two smoothin' irons atop of it." know what else. little Marian?" With the name and So Mrs. Merton did what she could to the sense of the danger she possibly remove the "two smoothin' irons" and The old squire covered the grain with soil, might be in, the momentary stupor sent the girl down stairs with a light, free Now see," he said, "they will have their spoil, left her and she gasped out, "My child! heart. left her and she gasped out, "My child! heart.

Marian! will no one save my little Soon the captain returned to the room, was happy because they found grapes.

Marian!" But none heeded her cry; and kneeling by his wife's side, tenderly every eye was fixed upon the old elm, as inquired how she was a liquid to the room, and kneeling by his wife's side, tenderly grapes had soods in the property of the captain returned to the room, and kneeling by his wife's side, tenderly grapes had soods in the property of the captain returned to the room, and kneeling by his wife's side, tenderly grapes had soods in the property of the captain returned to the room, and the captain returned to the room. every eye was fixed upon the old elm, as, inquired how she was. "Oh, much betwith breathless anxiety the throng ter thanks to your good care; but oh.

Two men being convalescent were asked

Two Ways of Looking at Things.

When it rains one man says: "This will

Two children looking through colored

"I am glad," says one, "that it is no

worse." "I am sorry," says another "that

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yesterday.

with breathless anxiety, the throng watched a slight, athletic figure spring from limb to limb toward the window. You back to me, and do you know who westerday."

Two men being convalescent were asked how they were. One said: "I am better to-day." The other said: "I was worse

rah! hurrah!" went up from the excited answering any," rejoined her husband. "Yes, I do know the boy and will tell his back and see what had been taking place during Mrs. Merton's absence at the doctor's.

Now the "Fire Cott."

Just like a man did any story too, if I can trust you to control your feelings so that you will not be brought back to where you were first."

Just like a man did any story too, if I can trust you to control your feelings so that you will not be brought back to where you were first."

Two boys eating through colored and the other said: It is bright."

Two boys eating their dinner; one during Mrs. Merton's absence at the doctor's.

Now, the "Elm Cottage," as Mrs. Merton's house was called, was situated on the main street of the town, through which, three times a day, the stage passed. On this night the stage stopped as usual to deliver the mail, but, in the confusion and excitement of the fire, none as the stage of the town as follows:

Control your feelings so that you will not be brought back to where you were first."

Just like a man; did any one ever know a woman to control her feelings or sympathies in such a case as this? But where lignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise," so Capt. Merton, in the happy trust that his condition would be complied with, proceeded to tell his story, some thing as follows:

And the other said: It is bright."

Two boys eating their dinner; one said: "I would rather having something other than this." The other said: "I would rather having something."

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noticed the two passengers who alighted.
The attention of many, however, was attracted by the two strangers who were tracted by the two strangers

life to save another's. "Who can he Now, on board the good ship was a boy be" the people inquire one of another, of thirteen, Ralph Merivale by name, who and many are the conjectures as to the performed the duties of cabin-boy. In identity of the strangers, for in Brenton, that office he displayed such perse-every man, woman, and child was known verance and honesty that the attention of every man, woman, and child was known by every other man, woman, and child, and few were the strange faces that made their appearance within its borders. But many friends

winter fire. So thought the inhabitants of the little town of Brenton, as they hurried home, with visions of such comforts dancing before them.

But their comfort and ease of body and mind were not destined to be of long mind were not destined to be of long.

Never in all his travels had Ralph seep a land with a hundred dollar check, which

hardly had that electrical word, fire, been than beneath her pillowed head.

Marian lay sound asleep, one dimpled his pleasant, obliging manners had won the movement, shouted:

"Mine friend, dot's besser you look that the Nimble Sixpence is the movement, shouted:

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"Mine friend, dot's besser you look the nimble sixpence is the nimble six He could have wished to linger and look, the frank blue eyes who could doubt pooty vell out. Dot gun vas loaded, und but he dared not. One moment's delay their owner's honesty? Captain Merton vhen he goes off he kicks like der tuyfel." smoke bursting into this room also. learned something of the lad's former don't can kick? Yoost vait. I dells you

Thermodic the flames were bursting shade, and suns its of the building,

But we left the Sea Gull in the middle for all these years no tidereceived of its commander. Docket, and, with a reassuring smile, said prosperous weather, however, did not REPAIRING ATTENDED TO PROMPTLY. TELEPHONE No. 101.

now all hope was gone. To lower the that, don't worry, but try to close your But as Marian glanced up, she caught boats in such a sea was folly, even ab-

when at last the poor Sea Gull went Birthday Cards and the cruel waves, many of their bodies

casks and broken spars tell too sadly the

What an awful fascination a fire always has! how it always seems to chain spectators to the spot!

At this fire all are not spectators; brave men and boys—heroes, I call them, for any buried heroism such an occasion always brings out—were using their utmost ways brings to do do for his wonderful providence."

After Mr. Merton had arisen from his wife asked if she could see if she could see ways brings out—were using their utmost ways brings to do do for his wonderful providence."

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